

Dear Children

May 10 1838 Missouri

[4 mi. from Paris, Monroe Co.]

with the expectation that you are anxious to hear from us I have now set down to let you know that the fifteenth day after we left the mouth of Sandy we arrived at brother Levi's all safe and well only bad colds we could have made the trip five or six days sooner but we was detained at Hannibal on account of gelling it waggone to haul us out we had as agreeable a trip as could be expected on this season of the year we had very high winds all the time we found all of our friends here well in health and appear to be doing well your sister Eliza and family are well Granville went from here this morning and he says he want to see you here mighty bad. I was quite much disappointed when I came to see this country I found it a higher fertile country than I expected to see take in general it is the most beautiful part of the world I ever saw but still it has some faults but timber is a great deal plentier here than I expected to find it land is hard to get here it is all taken up in this part there is more to be entered in of any account in less than thirty miles of Paris there is a great many offering to sell farms and entage second hand upon very good terms on account of hard times scarcity of money is just reached there here and it seems as if a great many is smartly in the road Mr Sharp has purchased a farm one mile and a quarter Lewis one hundred and sixty acres eighty five under re and eighty in timber and a lot of the balance first with five and twenty five acres in corn land all ready broke up and laid off one way ready to plant corn in when he got it and he is now planting it the dwelling house is built in the same way of a room only one room is smaller than the others and a brick chimney at each end and is thirteen by fifteen by twenty with with brick chimney and smoke has barrel legs and all with good shingles a large blue grass yard with good trees in it and good stables and corn crib and a beautiful situation says high the spring water all the year to be handy

we live with in one mile of methodis camp ground and
there quarter of baptis meeting house we have singing
school every saturday and sabbath school every sabbath
and walk day school all the week there is A baptis
preacher lives in sight of us the people all appears to try
which can do the best especially the young ones this
is a great place for youngsters to get information young
george shortridge is come out the most you ever see
any one for the time he has been hear he is an assistant in
the singing school and Sunday school and is very smart
Susan is a very amible girl indeed frankling is the
promisest one amongst them I believe he has throwed
a way all that bashfulness the neighbors in general
appears to be down we have just moved to our place two
days ago but it dont feel like home to me but I am
as well satisfied as could be expected for me to be consider-
ing how many children I left behind I shall look for you
to come when you said you would some of my neighbors
allowed that I never would be as well fixed again and I do
just wish they would come and see me now and see if
they would accept of me I do wish some of you that
could just rise up and take peep at brother Lewis
farm I think you would leave big Sandy but I believe
that country is the best to make money and this the
best just for farmers we have got one cow and one mare
over land and a better head of hogs on the place we bought
person cant see neither of us in the greats range
hear the cows gives the most milk but is very cold
and bakes and spring ever since I failed in it is
very dry hear now we staid at mirrored hunterbrys three
days as we can see they treated us with well frankling
said when I wrote to you and said that I must remember him
and his wife to you they are all mightily pleased tell every
body that that is A best moving hear that never knowed
what trouble and fatigues is till they try it tell little
george Smith I had him hear to go to school I want you to
write to me often I should like to know if you are
I would like to see you from there this appears to be a good place

his trade remembor me to all my acquaintances and
when you write to me write every thing that you
think I should like to know Sally mittle Jones is just
at the point of leaving A heir and her father is A Court
to drive her off about it her little daughter is very ^{small}
and seems like they have taken A great deal of pains with
her you must come and see me if ever you can possible
tell all the children we all want to see them now
at present but remains your most affectionate mother
untill death

Melinda Sharp

Dear son I have reached the promised land and have bought
me A farm and I give one thousand dollars for it I paid
seven hundred and fifty down and my note for two hundred
and fifty A cristmas the best of Judges say that the improve^{ment}
on it could not be made for the money this time last year it
would have fetcht eighteen hundred dollars I want you
to try and collect my money if possible pay owing and collect
and the ballance I want you send by Levi Shortridge he
says he will be there sometime in october I live with
in four mile of paris I want you to write to me and direct
your letters to paris marriage county missourie your
brother henry is expected to move to this county this
mont no more but remains your sincere friend
untill death

Leonard D Sharp

W. A. Hickard & Co. W. H. Foster, S. G.

SONS OF



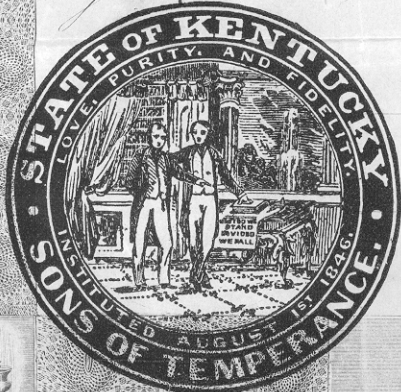
TEMPERANCE

To whom it may concern.

This certifies that Brother *William C Ireland* whose signature appears in the margin, in his own hand writing, was on the *Second* day of *September* 1848, regularly admitted a member of *Tollboro* Division No 162 located in *Tollboro* and working under a legal and unforfeited Charter granted by the *Grand* District of the *Sons* of *Temperance* on the *38th* day of *April* 1848.

Having paid all demands against him up to the *Ninth* day of *March* 1848 and being under no charge whatever, we have granted him this *Clearance* Card and recommend him to the due regard of all true *Sons of Temperance*.

In Witness whereof We have caused this to be signed by our W.P. and R.S. and the Seal of our Division to be attached in the *State* of *Kentucky* at *Tollboro* the *Ninth* day *March* one thousand eight hundred and *fifty*.



W. Taylor W. P.
L. Keith R. S.
Pro. Tem.

T. Pellock.

G. L. G.

William C. Ireland

1868

Agreement between John P Jones, and his
 wife Cecelia Jones, of Ashland Ky, and of
 W. C. Ireland of Greensburg Ky. as follows. viz:
 The said Jones & wife, has this day sold &
 Ireland, lot No 30. Range 3. West on Miches-
 ter Avenue ^{in the town of Ashland} the same sold to S. Cecelia
 Jones, by W. H. Vamptson wife, by title bond.
 This bond is imperfectly executed, and Jones
 wife are to procure a proper acknowlege-
 ment, and then assign the same to said
 Ireland. Who is to pay the balance of the
 purchase money, two hundred dollars, and
 some interest. They also sell said Ireland
 the 1/2 of lot No 31, adjoining the one above
 named, being the same conveyed to said
 Cecelia Jones, by S. W. Martin wife, by deed
 dated 12th July 1868.

The Consideration of this
 Sale is Eight hundred and fifty dollars,
 of this two hundred to be paid Vamptson &
 wife, and the interest due then, and the
 balance to be paid within four months. viz:
 Six hundred & fifty (\$650) to Mrs Cecelia Jones.
 The party of the first part to convey by good
 and sufficient deed, when purchase money is
 paid. as to the 1/2 lot. and relinquishment as to
 lot 30. and also as to this assign the Deed of
 Vamptson wife, as above stated.

May 15th 1868

W. C. Ireland
 Cecelia Jones
 John P Jones



State of Kentucky }
Boyer County } s. l.

I - C. M. Wilson Deputy for W. O. Hampton
the Clerk of the Boyer County Court do Certify
that the foregoing Instrument of writing, between
John P. Jones & Cecelia Jones his wife &
~~William de Solana~~ was produced to me
and acknowledged by the said John
P. Jones & Cecelia Jones to be their act and
deed for the uses and purposes therein con-
tained. Given under my hand this
16th day of May 1868

C. M. Wilson Deputy
for W. O. Hampton clk Pleb

Rec'd of M. C. Ireland, six hundred
fifty dollars, Cash - and the note
and Mrs. Ellen J. Hampton specified in
the written agreement, and that full due
July 1st 1868 - July 18th 1868 -

John P. Jones
Cecelia Jones



Whereas by the judgment of the Boyd Circuit Court. in the action of White & Hill, against Fletcher & Wood, W. B. Ireland was appointed a Commissioner to see lot No 29. Range three West in the town of Ashland, situate on the Corner of Winchester and Third Street. Same in Court in said suit. The Commissioner having made sale of said lot and improvements thereon, and reported the sale to the Court. At the November term 1868, the sale and report was approved and confirmed. The purchaser ~~having transferred~~ William Coleman, transferred his purchase to W. B. Ireland and directs the due to be made to him. The Court at the June Term 1869. appointed John Hampton, a Commissioner to make a deed of Conveyance to W. B. Ireland. Who therefore.

This Indenture made this 26th day of June 1869. between John W. Hampton Commissioner of the first part, and W. B. Ireland, of the second part:

Witnesseth: That for and in Consideration of the promises and the further Consideration of one dollar, the said Hampton

as Commissioner, hereby sell and Convey
to W. B. Inland, lot number twenty-nine (No
29) - Range Three (3) West in the town of
Ashland, being in the Corner of Winchester
and Third Streets. fronting on Winchester
fifty feet, and running back same with
one hundred and forty-two and one half feet ($142\frac{1}{2}$)
to an Alley. together with all and
singular the improvements, and appur-
tenances to the same in any wise appertain-
ing. To have and to hold the same to
the said Inland his heirs and assigns
forever. The Commissioner, hereby Conveys
all the right title and interest of
E. S. Fletcher, and John T. Wood, and
 WARRANTS the title as to them and for
them generally. The Commissioner
not making himself personally liable
in any event.

In Testimony Whereof the said John W.
Hampton, Commissioner hereby sets his
hand the 28th day of June 1869.
John W. Hampton
Commissioner

State of Kentucky
Boyd County. Sct.

J. W. C. Hampton

Clerk of the Boyd County Court do
certify that this deed of conveyance
by John W. Hampton, Commissioner
to W. C. Ireland, was this day produced
to me by the grantor (the S. Hampton)
and acknowledged by him to be his
act and deed for the uses and purposes
therein expressed -

Given under my hand the 26 day of
June 1869 W. O. Hampton Clerk

State of Kentucky }
Boyd County } Sch.

I, Ellis E. Lawrence Clerk of the
Boyd County Court do certify that the foregoing
deed from John W. Hampton, Commissioner to
W. C. Ireland, was filed in my office for
record, October 9th 1905, at 2⁴⁵ P. M. and the
said deed, with this and the foregoing
certificate, has been duly recorded.

Witness my hand this 10th day of October 1905.

Ellis E. Lawrence C. C. C.
By Howard Mullan S. C.

John W. Hampton,

Attorney at Law,

Charleston W. Va.
~~Ashland, Ky.~~ Dec. 29 1883

Dear Grandma.

Papa is getting along allright, and ~~the~~ us children stuck in. I am longing to see you all, but I wish to see you most. I hope pats is getting along allright who tends to her now? Does Douglas ride his velocipede any more?

Does Miss. Gouldman teach in the school any more?

Papa is reading the advocate. Uncle Jim is going to build me a chicken coop ~~in~~ day but has not commenced yet. Aunt James bitten is so lazy that he wont go in the milk house only when she goes to milk, and then he goes to get the foam.

We had a splendorous treat christmas, instead of a tree we covered a table with ever green. I hope you will soon be able to write.